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Smoke on the water

Skies over Haliburton Highlands have been filled with smoke as a result of forest fires in Northern Ontario and in Quebec. A special air quality statement for much of the area came into effect Sunday evening, warning health hazards associated with the smoke-filled skies. Local schools have been opting for indoor recesses, and many recreational outdoor activities have been put on hold until air quality improves. *All lower-tier municipalities have declared a total fire ban.* /ADAM FRISK special to the Times

Minden mayor says he would never turn down any health service

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A Minden councillor took the township's mayor to task for comments that were perceived to disparage a proposal for an urgent care clinic at the former emergency department.

Councillor Tammy McKelvey pushed for a special meeting of council, which was held June 5, so her colleagues could learn about a proposal put forward by the Kawartha North Family Health Team (KNFHT) to open a clinic in Minden. And, she said, the meeting was an opportunity for Mayor Bob Carter to

explain comments he'd made in the media against the proposal.

Marina Hodson, the executive director of KNFHT and a Minden Hills resident, said the team sent an expression of interest to Ontario Health to receive funding for an eight-hour a day, seven days a week service at the former Minden emergency department (ED).

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) permanently closed the Minden ED June 1. Emergency services have been consolidated at the Haliburton health facility.

KNFHT is a community-based family health team serving the residents of the northern parts of the City of Kawartha Lakes,

Haliburton County, and Trent Lakes. They have provided access to primary health care by nurse practitioners, physicians, and nursing staff in Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon since 2007.

The team has also operated unfunded walk-in clinics, paid for by donations from local residents, since 2012.

The KNFHT proposal is for an urgent care clinic at the former Minden emergency department.

"Our Minden ER now sits empty and I will always support any opportunities to have our ER opened again," McKelvey said. "However, I will also support any opportuni-

ties to provide health care to our residents and our visitors."

The proposed urgent care clinic is a chance to provide services to individuals who are without a family doctor. It will also take some of the pressure off the Haliburton emergency department, she said.

McKelvey said she heard soundbites in the media, and has seen correspondence that indicated Carter wasn't in support of the KNFHT proposal.

In his defence, Carter said he'd done a number of television interviews back-to-back on the day the KNFHT announced that an appli-

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County's paramedics equipped for emergency medicine: Waite

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Despite the closure of the Minden Hills emergency department, Haliburton County residents won't see a drastic difference in the level of paramedic service.

And the county's dedicated, capable paramedics can provide a measure of comfort to residents on the heels of the recent major change in the region's level of medical service.

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services consolidated emergency department (ED) care to its Haliburton facility. The consolidation meant the permanent closure of the Minden Hills ED as of June 1.

That sent panic throughout the Haliburton County community, borne of a fear at a reduction in health care services. People held well-populated public protests. A petition garnered about 25,000 signatures by people against the closure. There was even an attempt at a legal challenge to the loss of the ED.

Tim Waite, chief paramedic and director at the Haliburton County Paramedic Service, reassures residents and summer visitors to the region that the ambulance service isn't changing. In fact, it's improving as more skills are added to a paramedic's scope of practice.

Based on the 2022 year-end report presented to county council May 24, the Haliburton County Ambulance Service responded to 4,785 calls to the Haliburton station, the base, for 58 per cent of the year's tally. The Tory Hill station received 2,588 calls for 28 per cent of the total. The fewest calls for service came to the Minden station where ambulances were dispatched 1,909 times for 21 per cent of last year's calls.

"We deploy ambulances dynamically,"

Waite said. "If an ambulance is doing a call, say, in Minden, then we will move one of our other ambulances down to Minden."

"As ambulances get utilized for calls, we keep moving the ambulances to where we anticipate where the biggest chance of the next happening. And that's the more populated areas. Minden and Haliburton are the two most populous sites, so we'll move them (ambulances) out appropriately."

Waite said the county service is up-staffing the Minden area every weekend through the summer.

He said an extra ambulance was only made available for long weekends. An extra ambulance will be pressed into service every weekend this summer. And that's one bit of solace that can be found amid the fear and uncertainty that descended like mosquitos since the ED closure's announcement in April.

"The important thing to keep in mind is the paramedics are very well trained and have a large scope of practice," Waite said. "Their scope of practice has been increasing substantially over the last 20 years and exponentially, probably, over the last five years."

"They have a scope of practice that includes 20 medications for treatment of breathing issues, anaphylaxis, one medication to be used in emergency child birth. For traumatic patients, we have the ability to start IVs to offer fluid bolus if there's internal bleeding and their blood pressure is low."

Basically and except for the presence of a physician, the back of an ambulance can be likened to a mobile ED.

"We're equipped very well," he said. "When we arrive at the scene, treatment starts. Treatment and stabilization starts at the scene and then transport to the hospital for further care."

Waite said throughout the brouhaha that erupted with the ED closure, there's been no change in the level of emergency medical service from his crews.

"We continue to staff four fully staffed ambulances during the day time and three fully staffed ambulances at night," he said. "There's the 24-hour, seven-days a week ambulance in Minden, Haliburton, and Tory Hill. And we have a fourth ambulance for peak time that we deploy over to Algonquin Highlands area."

Waite said he believes residents and visitors to the area aren't going to notice any difference in response times.

"The main difference will be that some patients that would have in the past been transported to the Minden site will now be transported to the Haliburton site which represents, maybe, a 15- or 20-minute longer ambulance transport," he said.

"Keep in mind that there's lots of residents in Haliburton County that their normal ambulance transport time to the Haliburton site may be 45 minutes or more, depending on where they live," he said.



Saying goodbye

Nearly 100 people gathered outside the Minden ER on May 31 with candles to thank the staff for their years of hard work and dedication. The ER department was locked as of midnight on June 1. Many members of the group will be meeting at the Minden Hills Community Centre on June 9 at 1 p.m. to discuss next steps with the Kawartha North Family Health Team. All are welcome to attend. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

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June 8 – Regular Council and Public Meeting
June 29 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township CivicWeb Portal at mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting; please download by visiting our CivicWeb Portal at mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx. Please note the live stream file/video will be available to the public for the duration of one week after the Council Meeting.

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CULTURAL CENTRE EVENTS

The Backwoodsmen will perform live outdoors at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Saturday June 24 at 2 pm. The quartet featuring the Gallery's current artist Rob Niezen, Dr. Al Kirby, Rob Cory and John Bird, tells the stories and sings the folk songs documented throughout rural Ontario in the 1950s by song-collector/scholar Edith Fowke. Bring your lawn chair. Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

Cross Cut, an exhibit by Rob Niezen, is on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until July 1. The exhibit features 24 linocuts illustrating traditional Ontario folk songs reimagined in a contemporary context. The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is by donation. For more information please look at the events calendar <https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2023-05-04-1000-Cross-Cut-Exhibit-by-Rob-Niezen>.

Bateman Family: A Sense of Place will be on display from July 6 to September 2 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. The Batemans cherish the memories of their summer holidays spent at the family cottages in Haliburton County. Their experiences over several decades are captured in this personal family exhibit featuring paintings by Alan, Brad, Jack, Robert & Ross and photographs by Birgit Freybe Bateman. The opening reception will take place on Saturday July 8 from 1-4 pm. Pre-registration is required for the artist talk at 1:30 pm. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

The Minden Hills Museum & Heritage Village and Nature's Place is now open for the season Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Join us daily for self-guided village tours and hands-on activities including Wildlife Sketching on June 8 at 3 pm and Pioneer Life on June 10 at 11 am and 2 pm. Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

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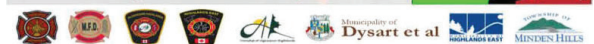
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Smoke alarms save lives

At 7:20 a.m. on Sunday June 4, Minden Hills Fire Command 3 was on the road to prepare equipment for their recruit program. Command 3 radioed to base, sharing that there was a lot of smoke in the area. Fire Chief Shain Duda advised them to have a look and see where the smoke is coming from. While they were traveling along Vintage Crescent, they came upon a structure fire. The building was a single-story family dwelling with a basement and wood construction.

As Command pulled up to the location the smoke alarms were alerted and sounding, and the occupants of the home were safely on the lawn. The fire team received reports that someone was still in the basement. The individual in the basement did make it out safely, and two people went to the hospital for smoke inhalation. The fire department was able to prevent the fire from spreading to the whole building, and to combat the flames, called for mutual aid. In total, there were eight Minden Hills firefighters and seven Dysart firefighters. Chief Duda shared that this is a great reminder that working smoke alarms save lives. /Guenter Horst, special to the *Times*



HHHS Brings Together Emergency Services at Haliburton Site

**Emergency services are no longer available at
the HHHS Minden site.**

**This change came into effect on June 1, 2023,
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County CAO winds down his career

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

The County of Haliburton will look a little different come November.

The familiar face who has facilitated every county council meeting, known by locals and visitors alike, will be retiring.

Mike Rutter has been the CAO of Haliburton County for eight years, and after an entire career in municipal government, he brought a wealth of experience and insight to the role. "It's all I've ever done," he shared with the *Times*, outlining that he has worked in eight municipalities across Ontario during his career.

But Haliburton was always home. "My family goes way back," he said, "we've been in the area for well over 100 years."

Rutter grew up in the eastern part of the county, attending Wilberforce Elementary School, before heading to Haliburton Highlands Senior Elementary School (now called JDH Elementary), and finally graduating from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

He then went on to pursue his post-secondary education from Trent University and Fleming College in Peterborough. But when it came time to come back to Haliburton, Rutter jumped at the opportunity. "I grew up watching local politics, seeing Murray Ferrey and everyone else, and I knew this was where I wanted to be. It's been an absolute privilege to be the CAO for this county."

During his eight years as CAO, Rutter



Mike Rutter has been the CAO for Haliburton County for eight years, and will be retiring this fall to pursue a different pace in life. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

shared that there have been many highs and lows, with the most difficult chapter presenting itself during the COVID-19 pandemic. "The pandemic changed work in many ways; working from home, pivoting our lives. It was a very challenging time."

Rutter credited the staff and members of council for navigating choppy waters during the trying times. "It's my job just to make sure things are fulfilled," he said, "it's council members, the directors, and the front line

staff who do all the work."

When asked about projects he's most proud of during his time as CAO, Rutter once again credited the staff and council for the work they've done in the community. "They're some of the best I've ever worked with," he said.

"I always try to leave a place better than I found it," he went on, sharing that some projects that were relevant during his time in the role included making strides towards af-

fordable housing in the area, launching the connectivity conversations to ensure internet across the board, the development of the community paramedic program, and the 24/7 ambulance in Tory Hill to name a few. "I am proud of the very, very small role I've played in all of that," he said.

With the involvement in the array of projects over the years, Rutter said that he's become quite passionate about many of the initiatives, and hopes to continue to be involved in a volunteer capacity once his work days are over. "Things like housing, healthcare, and mental health have become very important to me," he said, hoping he can have the opportunity to get more involved without the regular workload.

As for next steps, Rutter shared that upon retirement, his first course of action is to "sleep for a couple of months," he laughed. He noted that the role of CAO requires a lot of energy, and he knows that personally, he is seeking a slower pace. Plus, he believes it's always good to have fresh eyes on some of the existing projects, and he shared that the county will be starting their recruitment process for a new CAO shortly.

Through the highs and the lows of the role, Rutter expressed nothing but gratitude for the opportunity to work for the people of Haliburton County, and continues to carry that hometown pride that allowed his heart and soul to be in every part of his work. "I will always have that commitment to my community," he said, "there's just something about the Haliburton way."



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The end

IT'S FELT like the closing of a chapter lately. The season of goodbyes. The nearing of the end.

We are getting emails preparing us for graduations, end-of-year dance recitals, and retirement parties. Last week, I watched as my own mother wrapped up her teaching career; walking across a stage to shake hands with school trustees as the audience applauded. I watched as my step-daughter performed in a piano recital to conclude her year of practicing, and celebrate how she's falling in love with music. I watched as the photos rolled in from the school track meet; that one sweltering day of the year that all the schools join together to race their little hearts out as they head into summer.

And I watched as candles were lit along the driveway of the Minden Emergency Room the evening of May 31 to honour the work of the staff at the facility. Singing songs and gathering around the big H sign off Deep Bay Road, the emotions were complex that evening. There was laughter and joy surrounding the fight and resilience so many people demonstrated over the past six weeks. There were tears and frustrations bubbling to the surface as folks wondered about next steps.

But above all, there was a sense of community. Of unity. Of passion. Of pride. All culminating on one night when the moon cast shadows around the candles.

Many locals stayed up until midnight to watch the Minden ER doors slide together one last time. The closing of a chapter. A goodbye. The end.

So is it over? Many things in small towns blow over eventually. After days, weeks, months, the interests of the community are found elsewhere; focusing on new passions, new needs,

new problems.

But I don't think this will be one of those things. While the candles were lit on the eve of May 31, so was the fire that burned inside so many.

Because in the big picture, it's not just about the ER. I understand the questions and concerns that have arisen as a result of the closure, but on the grand scale, it's not just the brick and mortar building.

It's more than that. And while I perhaps didn't understand every tactic or initiative that was made along the way to save the ER, I recognized the passion behind it.

The heart, the soul, the exhaustion, the anger. By the end, it wasn't about the politics or the rules or the legal jargon or the council meetings.

It was about the people.

And maybe we will watch this benefit our community in the long run. Maybe we will receive more funding, better access, and fuller support. I hope so.

As I watched the groups of people hug one another outside the Minden ER at midnight on June 1, I saw them for who they are. Not politicians or professionals. But people who had memories, experiences, and life-changing moments right on that property. Closing a chapter, saying goodbye, and recognizing the end.

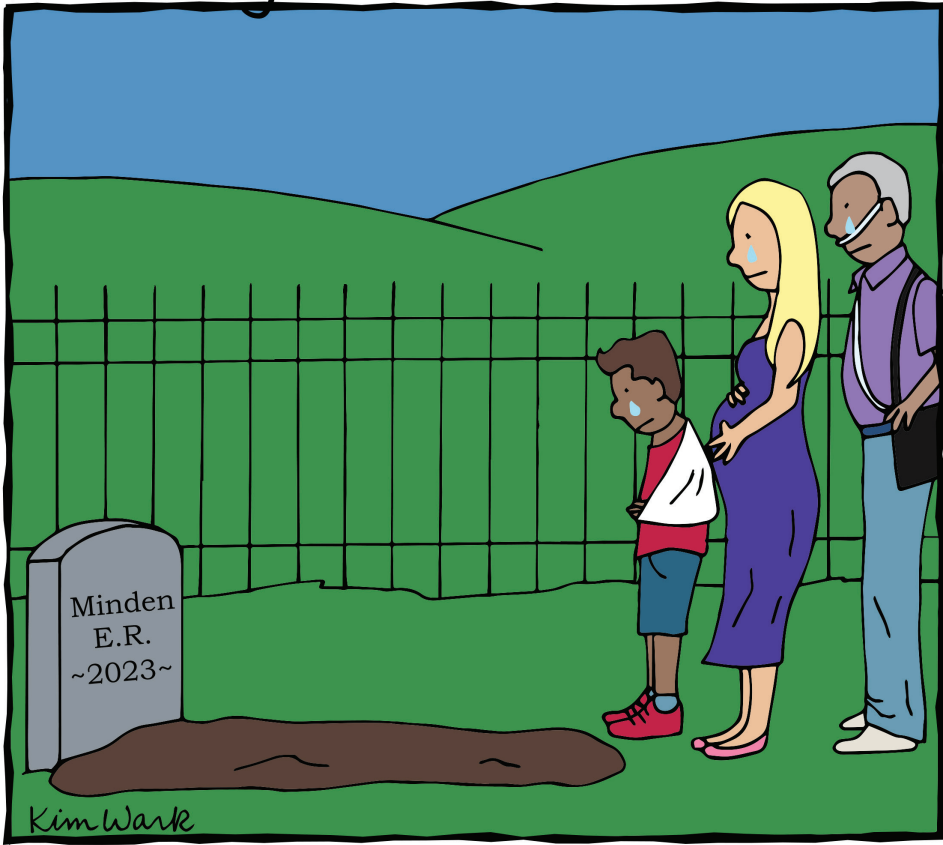
The only good thing about an end, is that it so often ushers in a beginning. A fresh start. A new perspective. A different opportunity. May we as a community embrace this new beginning, stoke the fire in our hearts that's been lit, and carry forward with kindness, compassion, and grace.

So as we close the chapter, as we say goodbye, maybe we can hope that this isn't the end after all.



EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Kwarky



Tackling a problem

THE OTHER day a new fly box was delivered to my door. And less than a day later a miraculous natural phenomenon occurred. It was totally filled with flies.

A lot of people might find this incredible, but anyone who purchases a new tackle or fly box has experienced this. One minute, you have a completely empty box. The next you are ordering a new one because the box you just purchased is full.

This is because, just as nature (and a person watching TV) abhors a vacuum, so too does a fly or tackle box, abhor an empty compartment. It's one of the fundamental natural laws. Ask any angler.

I only mention this as a public service to perhaps head off any marital issues that begin with the sentence, "You bought another tackle (or fly) box? I thought you just bought one last week!"

First of all, a sentence like that is generally a gross exaggeration. In most cases, the new tackle box was purchased three days ago tops. And as any angler knows, if you haven't filled a new tackle or fly box in three days your priorities are way off.

Secondly, this is not the angler's fault. Oh, sure it might look like the angler's fault, especially as he or she sheepishly returns from local fishing shops filled with things to congest the new tackle box, but I can assure you that it is not.

The angler actually has no choice. He or she is a hapless victim.

Think of it this way.

You buy a \$40 tackle box.

If you don't use it, you have just spent \$40 on an empty plastic box. Which is

stupid.

That's why it's critical to spend \$300 or so dollars on tackle to fill it up with. Otherwise, you're going to watch your \$40 investment go downhill. And that's just bad money management.

But here's the fly in the ointment.

No angler alive can stick to a budget when it comes to fishing tackle. Sure, you can say you are going to the fishing shop to buy a \$5 bag of snap swivels. But no one should be surprised when you come out of the place with a brand-new bass boat.

Again, it's not your fault. The fishing industry has spent millions of dollars marketing to people exactly like you. And you were not raised to be an ingrate.

The same, of course, goes for tackle purchases. Sure, you go in with a budget of \$300. But just as you are leaving you see your favourite lure in a size or colour that you have previously never seen. You are well aware that, if you buy it and go over-budget, your spouse will probably leave you. But you also know, if you don't, you will live the rest of your life in regret. So, you buy it with funds from one of your numbered offshore accounts set up just for fishing tackle.

The problem is when you get home, you have exactly one lure too many for the new fishing box to handle. Sure, you can stuff it in, but then your friends will secretly think of you as the guy with the unorganized tackle box. And no one wants that.

Obviously, the only thing to do is buy another one. Rest assured, it's not your fault.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

A nation of contradictions

IDON'T GET out much, spending most of my time among the birds and squirrels who dance in the woods surrounding my place. So my recent trip to the U.S., the first in several years, was a voyage into reality. A genuine eye-opening educational experience.

The main lesson learned, or perhaps just confirmed, is that America is a country of confounding contradictions. So many things are the opposite of what they are believed to be.

Shortly after arrival I find myself at a Catholic church in Orinda, California.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

I walk in, take a seat and see that I am surrounded by two dozen or more nuns in habits. I haven't seen a nun in habit in decades.

A priest appears with an incense thurible and begins incensing the altar. Then he walks through the church swinging the thurible and incensing the congregation. Later he takes another pass through the church sprinkling holy water with a whisk.

I haven't seen any of this since I was a child. A church filled with praying people as a priest performs rituals not often witnessed today. It's a trip back to the 1950s.

This is not the America I see on television and read about in newspapers and magazines.

It is contrary to the gone crazy, violent America that likely will return an orange-haired misogynist buffoon to the presidency. If not him, it could be a right-wing extremist who slags the legacies of Walt Disney. (I mean what kind of a person has bad things to say about good old Walt, rest his soul?)

After church I visit a bookstore in Oakland. It has thousands of books of all genres, used and new. It's an incredible place where I could spend days soaking up the works of the world's best writers.

The 2020 census reported there were 10,800 bookstores in the U.S. Their numbers, however, are declining, and so are the number of books that fill them.

PEN America, a writer's organization promoting freedom of expression, reports that from July 2021 to June 2022 there were 2,532 book bannings in the U.S. affecting 1,648 separate titles.

A nation that loves bookstores, yet a nation that spends much time and effort banning books.

Wandering the streets of San Francisco I see dozens of interesting shops and eateries staffed by folks chatting in foreign languages mixed with English.

Some Americans see these people as immigrants changing an America that needs no change. They want to choke off immigration to a country that had no immigration before 1492, then became a modern state and world power because of immigration.

There are many other contradictions here.

The U.S. produces Nobel Prize scientists, but has more conspiracy theorists and science deniers than any other advanced nation.

It has some of the world's best medical expertise and advanced medical facilities but people who can't afford them get sick and die. The Commonwealth Fund, which promotes high-quality, equitable health care systems, reported in January that Americans have the worst health outcomes of any of the world's high-income nations.

The greatest contradiction: 48 per cent of Americans see gun violence as a very big problem, while another 24 see it as a moderately big problem. So almost three-quarters of Americans see gun violence as a problem, but gun ownership and gun violence continue to increase with little efforts to control it.

These contradictions continue to exist because of widening divisions in the country's politics. Pew Research Centre studies show that 77 per cent of Americans believe their country is more divided than it was just three years ago.

The political divide between the right and the left has become a chasm preventing bipartisan efforts to fix the country's serious problems. The political divide now is not only just over political issues. It has generated deeper divides in culture and character.

The contradictions seen in my visit leave me with the impression of an extremely disturbed country, whose troubles could have a major impact on the rest of the world.

Americans have pulled off many comebacks from adversities. Hopefully they can pull off another. One that will restore the country as a nation of truly united states and people working together.

letters to the editor

Alarmed at new dump prices

To the Editor,

Last week we completed some home repairs. Our contractor took a load of old wood to the Scotchline dump. To our alarm the dump attendant charged \$345.00 for the load. I am a tax paying resident and am appalled at that exorbi-

tant cost. I could have dumped this on the side of the road, and you can be sure a lot of people will be doing this in the near future.

**Judy Elliott,
Minden**

The Minden ER fiasco

To the Editor:

Anyone who believes the official narrative is naïve beyond hope. This is about centralizing power. It follows on the consolidation of school boards, and the amalgamation of municipalities. Both created enormously costly administrative superstructures, where civil servants bask in idle luxury.

There is not one scrap of evidence to show that even one student's education was improved, or that municipalities are more efficient or democratic. The same is true for hospital 'consolidations', which will make fat cats, and starving patients.

The patients diverted to Haliburton will create an impossible burden on the medical personnel, who are already suffering a severe staff shortage. Yes, the HHHS plans to double the ED beds, and to double the lab facilities. They are even planning to increase the car park so that patients from the Minden area, and from Bobcaygeon, like me, have somewhere to park while we wait, probably interminably, for medical attention.

We are told by HHHS that 'patient volumes are not a factor!' Where are their heads? Patients are the only factor. All the other factors are bureaucratic. We must assume that the HHHS has some secret weapon that will magically produce the additional staff needed at the Haliburton hospital, just by moving the patients around.

It is these paper pushing bureaucrats who hamstringing us with idiotic regulations, e.g.

ER Doctor to car accident victim. I could save you, but I can't operate because there is

only one ER nurse. The regulations say I must have two. I am sorry about this, but you will be dead by morning.

Some ER docs could save lives with a penknife, and fishing line. But officialdom would end their career, instead of awarding a medal.

If there is a huge sum of money available to expand infrastructure, and medical services, at Haliburton, then why was that money not used at Minden, which already treats more patients than Haliburton?

I presume that Ross, in Lindsay, will also have to make some adjustments when the people in Kawartha Lakes, who use Minden, are redirected to Lindsay, where they will add to the already overcrowded waiting rooms.

The totally vacuous lack of logic in this decision shows that something sinister is happening. Once they cut off the ER arm at Minden, then they will say that the hospital is no longer busy, and viable. Closure is then only a matter of time.

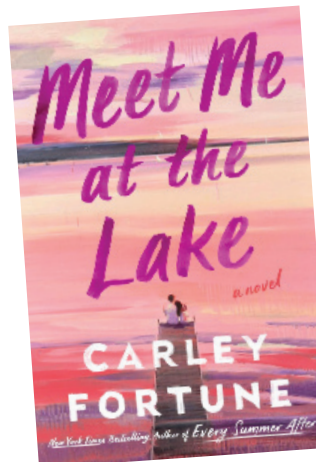
Ford's strategy has always been to centralize power. The administration becomes so large, and so powerful, that citizens can be brushed aside like grains of sand. I remember when parents were part of education, when citizens were part of local government, and when patients were part of medical service decisions.

Welcome to the world of Ford, to the world of Power, to the world of Arrogance.

**Peter Weygang,
M.A.;D.I.C.; M.Ed.,
Bobcaygeon**

More letters to the Editor on page 9

HCPL's Book of the Week



In her early twenties, Fern Brookbanks spent just 24 hours with Will Baxter. The timing was wrong, but their connection was undeniable, so they made a pact to meet again one year later. Except Will never showed up.

Now thirty-two, Fern's life isn't what she pictured. She's back home, running her mother's Muskoka lakeside resort. The place is in disarray and she isn't sure how she's going to turn things around.

To her surprise, help arrives in the form of Will, who appears nine years too late, with a suitcase in tow and an offer to help on his lips. But how could she possibly trust this expensive-suit wearing mirage who seems nothing like the young man she met all those years ago?

Meet Me at the Lake by Carley Fortune is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

Welcome to the new “Minden ills”

To the Editor,

Someone please elp.
Can any of the political parties please elp us get our ospital back.
Can you imagine if someone, overnight decid-ed to remove the “H” from the following busi-nesses in town.
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Well, that’s exactly what happened in Minden on June 1st. All of the “H’s” that represent our hospital were removed. It just doesn’t seem right.
That “H” belongs in Minden as it does with Home Hardware and all of the other businesses.
We want our “H” back.
We don’t want to be known as Minden ills. However, without the H, we are definitely left with “ill.” Go figure.
So please, can someone please elp us get our “H” back??

**Dave Hammond,
Minden**

Conservatives only want power

To the Editor,

I am writing to you hoping it may reach your community members ... I am one of many thousands who are very angry and sad at the same time over the closing of your fine hospital. While it was a valiant effort on the part of your community members to sign and send the Ford Gov. a petition, it was in vain ... Why ... The Conservative Party know that since Confederation your area and most rural areas have voted only Conservative in its history ... so why worry they say in the back room ... they’ll vote for us again if there was a vote tomorrow.
As for Min. Jones, a puppet of Ford, she blames the local administration. That is so sad. They are starving these smaller life-giving hospitals of funding and then blaming them for not being able to operate . They have over two billion in their healthcare kitty and will spend it on

setting up private health facilities.
My point is this: can you imagine if the locals signed a 25,000 petition giving it to the Premier saying that “all those signed here will vote conservatives out of office in this part of the Province in the next election”. All Ford and his Conservatives want is Power. Any thought of losing such in rural Ontario , would have him spending big time to keep power. It is sad the local good folks in your community were victims of such abuse of power, simply because he knew he could do it and get away with it ... More cuts will still come ... I pray the wonderful people in your area don’t suffer any more because of Ford’s ruthless campaign to destroy public health in Ontario’s smaller communities.

**Gerry Padfield,
Barrie**

Minden still matters

To the Editor,

Minden DOES Matter...post June 1 2023.
Reading and watching all that has transpired these last few weeks with Minden Matters and HHHS...few things need to be noted and shared:
• Congratulations to a Minden Community (and beyond) that came together with i) Minden Matters coalition and instilled a voice at many levels; ii) for community (and beyond) support of 24,000 petition signatures, and iii) fundraised \$85,000 for (potential) legal fees.
• To understand that HHHS had to make a difficult decision, as ‘operational’ decisions are never easy and like regular business, when deficits start reaching into the millions, hard decisions need to be made. Most often, companies try as long as they can to fix the problem with many solutions however if unsuccessful, then a tough decision needs to be made and most often, within a short amount of time.
• Digging deeper to the truth of issues, ie reality of budgets: hearing about staffing shortages and Boards/Hospitals relying on staffing agencies that are not only expensive, BUT their pricing continues to balloon to costs that far exceed budget allocations.
But what do we do now post June 1 2023?
It is time to put Minden on the map as a beautiful place to live, work and play.
However growth is needed.
Some may like it and some may not; however ‘controlled growth’ is key. Major areas of focus are i) housing (sensible and smart planning is needed); ii) economic development and iii) in-

vestment into the community.
For me, Minden falls into the area of what I now call ‘The Mid-North’ (ie Midland-Orillia-Kawartha Lakes to Sudbury Pembroke-Smith Falls).
My job (and passion) is to understand markets, growth and provide solutions. From an economic development standpoint, outside of the obvious tourism growth for this area, Minden is primed “To be the Gateway to The Mid-North for Construction Build Out” (Residential, Multi-Family, Industrial, Commercial & Institutional (ICI)).
In my opinion, Minden has space for growth i.e. business parks and attraction of larger companies to compliment the small and medium size companies in our area, especially in dealing with all things construction/build out. We have local and seasonal numbers to boost tourism and all things affiliated. We have a great downtown core that is primed for growth as well as the opportunity for growth of lands to the outside for boutique style plazas.
For me post June 1 2023, this is where I continue to work behind the scenes with private enterprise and government. To continue to work on offering smart and sensible housing projects for a variety of housing options. To continue working with clients/investors locally as well as those coming to the area who also believe Minden is a great place to live, work and play.
Stay tuned.

**Josie Giovenco,
Minden**



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Time to explore alternative solutions for staffing

To the Editor,

This is my open letter to the local officials regarding the Minden Hospital closing. I've not been able to reach anyone.

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Minden regarding the imminent closure of the emergency department at our local hospital, effective June 1st. The purpose of this correspondence is to express our deep apprehension and present a compelling case for reconsideration of this decision.

Firstly, I want to emphasize the critical role that the Minden Emergency Department has played in providing life-saving care to our community members during medical emergencies. The proximity and accessibility of this facility have been instrumental in ensuring timely intervention for a range of acute conditions, including heart attacks, seizures, strokes, injuries, and other life-threatening situations. By consolidating all emergency services to the Haliburton location, approximately 25 kilometers away, we fear that crucial minutes, often determining the difference between life and death, will be lost during transit.

Furthermore, the proposed closure of the Minden Emergency Department will have a profound impact on the entire catchment area, leaving residents without a local hospital to address medical emergencies. This lack of accessibility jeopardizes the health and safety of our community, particularly considering the prevalence of individuals who may not have adequate means to travel to Haliburton, as indicated by the high poverty rates in our area. The financial burden placed on those who rely on social allowances to afford transportation to a distant facility is both concerning and inequitable.

We also wish to bring attention to the absence of meaningful public consultation in the decision-making process leading to the closure. The community was not afforded an opportunity to express its concerns, present alternatives, or participate in a dialogue that could have explored viable solutions to the staffing challenges faced by the hospital. It is disheartening to witness a decision of such magnitude being made without considering the invaluable input and perspectives of the individuals who will be most affected.

Considering these pressing concerns, we implore you to reconsider the closure of the Minden Emergency Department and explore alternative solutions to address the staffing shortage. A thorough evaluation of the potential consequences, coupled with open and transparent communication with the community, is essential before implementing such a significant change to our local healthcare infrastructure.

As a potential course of action, I would like to suggest the following measures:

1. Incentive Programs: Implement attractive incentive programs to attract and retain healthcare professionals, such as signing bonuses, relocation assistance, student loan repayment programs, and competitive salary packages. These incentives can help offset the challenges of working in a rural area.

2. Collaborations and Partnerships: Forge partnerships with local educational institutions,

such as nursing schools or medical residency programs, to establish rotations and clinical placements in the area. This exposure can help introduce students and trainees to the benefits of working in a rural healthcare setting and potentially encourage them to consider practicing in Minden. We also encourage reaching out to universities and colleges to offer work opportunities to students during their studies, allowing them to gain valuable experience while contributing to the local healthcare workforce.

3. Professional Development and Support: Provide robust professional development opportunities and ongoing support for healthcare professionals in the form of continuing education, mentorship programs, and opportunities for career advancement. Demonstrating a commitment to the growth and success of medical professionals can be appealing and encourage them to stay in the area.

4. Housing Assistance: Explore options for providing affordable housing or housing assistance programs for healthcare professionals. The lack of available housing can be a significant deterrent for professionals considering working in rural areas. Collaborate with local organizations, real estate agencies, or government programs to address this issue.

5. Quality of Life Initiatives: Highlight the unique benefits and quality of life that Minden and the surrounding area offer to healthcare professionals. Emphasize the natural beauty, recreational opportunities, close-knit community, and work-life balance that can be enjoyed in the region. Consider showcasing success stories of healthcare professionals who have chosen to work and live in the area.

6. Telehealth and Telemedicine: Explore the implementation of telehealth and telemedicine initiatives to augment healthcare services in the region. By utilizing technology, healthcare professionals can provide consultations, diagnoses, and follow-up care remotely, reducing the strain on limited resources and enhancing access to care for patients.

7. Community Engagement: Encourage community involvement and support for the local healthcare system. Develop volunteer programs, community events, and initiatives that promote a sense of pride and ownership in the local hospital. Engaged and supportive communities can make the region more attractive to healthcare professionals.

I kindly request an opportunity to meet with HHHS and other relevant stakeholders to discuss this matter further. My aim is to find a solution that upholds the highest standards of patient care, ensures the well-being of our community, and maintains access to emergency services that are critical for the overall health and safety of Minden residents.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I hope that together, we can find a solution that preserves the vital healthcare services our community deserves.

Brittney McLean,
Algonquin Highlands

Is It Really Over?

To the Editor,

Is our ER closed forever? I am usually not very optimistic however after participating in the movement and reading all the letters and stories in the local papers, I am optimistic at what the future holds for Minden.

There is not much more that I can say that hasn't been printed in the local papers. It shows our community has a good handle on the situation.

I do however have a problem with how the major TV networks portray the issue. The all felt it necessary to quote the minister of health Sylvia Jones and the HHHS who declared that the

problem is staffing. They seemed to have missed the statements made by Dr. Bruno Helt and others that our staffing was in place until at least September and we did not close our ER once in the last year.

What our community accomplished in six weeks was amazing and if we had been given fair notice of this closure I think the results would be different.

To the HHHS and the Ford government "this ain't over."

Jack Sward,
Minden

A message to the HHHS Board

To the Editor,

My heart breaks. Every time I hear this board speak. My gut turns. The lack of transparency, communication, plans, and so on have created such anxiety within OUR community. It is this leadership that wrote these words and in my opinion have directly impacted who they are and all we did was take notice. I know none of us harassed anyone. But held you and the board of the HHHS accountable. You reap what you sow. Stop passing the Buck. Own the fact you truly messed up. You only worked in your best interests as individuals and not the public. You never asked any of us directly. And look how we could have responded to save both locations. Your staff should not be harassed by any people in the community. Gaslighting is a specific type of manipulation where the manipulator is trying to get someone else (or a group of people) to question their own reality, memory or perceptions.

In my opinion it is the disrespect and chaotic environment that the HHHS board created and

you use whatever you can to. You made this decision. You need to own it.

I hope you hold your head up high and let the way you described people of OUR community as your grade 9 high school project. You referred to our lives as statistics especially with the first death in the community as a result of what I describe as your inability to manage and plan.

At this year's AGM's you have made it difficult for the PUBLIC to vote and have input. The public stakeholders have no say in changes. To make things right. Resign. Let people who can manage take over. I have a few names in mind that can create a stable environment and be accountable for the actions of the board and to create amazing Emergency and Long term Health care.

Resign.

Patrick Porzuczek,
Minden



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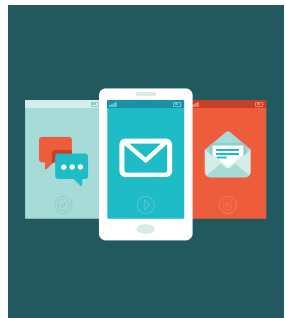
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Noblesse Oblige

DOROTHEA, IN *Middlemarch*, (written by George Elliot, published 1871) fills a basket with food and other necessities and delivers them to tenants on her uncle's holdings who are ill or needful. She is behaving as expected: she is one of 'those who have' giving of their bounty to 'those who have not'. They pay with gratitude, which validates and perpetuates the hierarchy. This is noblesse oblige in action.



FAY MARTIN
Poke, Peel, Pair, Ponder

Dorothea's Uncle Brooke of Tipton, a landowner of some wealth, intervenes unsuccessfully at the assizes where a sheep-stealer is to be hanged. On his own property, however, he is judge and jury: a youngster who has snared a young rabbit for his family's supper, since his father has returned empty-handed and drunk from the market, is detained for a short while in the barn, until Brooke can instruct the father, whose sense of injustice is given tongue by alcohol, on the appropriate punishment. This, too, is noblesse oblige in action, the sharing of superior

knowledge and judgement for the benefit of the less fortunate.

In modern days, 'those who have' are incentivized by public policy to share their bounty through taxes or philanthropy, which 'those who have not' aspire to share by jumping through whatever hoops are prescribed both to get and to account for the shared bounty. 'Those who have' expect to serve as Directors on Boards of for-profit corporations (usually with compensation) and non-profit corporations (by legislative decree, without compensation) to manage that bounty. Their roles, regardless of how they are acquired or how rewarded, is to make decisions on behalf of others.

We acknowledge the necessity to share decision-making in a complex world. The idea of having representatives speak and act on our behalf is as old as human society; it is the bedrock of democracy. And of patriarchy. And of capitalism.

The worm in the bud, the hidden thing that deforms a beautiful blossom, is the motivation of those who undertake to act on behalf of others. Capability, intelligence, awareness all play a part, but the pivotal element is motivation.

How can we measure motivation? It is invisible, unarguable, unprovable. How can you prove – or even know with certainty -- what is in a person's mind or heart? You can't. You make your best guess and take

the risk. And when you're wrong, you take the hit.

We are taking a few hits these days. The country is aflame. The health system we have insisted is universal in spite of decades of deterioration is in a shambles and guaranteed to get worse. Inequity is a chasm that is growing exponentially, both within and between countries, cultures and classes. War of every variety is ravaging the planet. People are on the move, looking for an Ark that will save them from the rising waters of whatever devastation surrounds them.

Where is the noblesse oblige that we need to show us the way through this extinction threat?

I think it must be within each of us. The *Oxford Dictionary* says nobility can be of 'character, mind, birth or rank'. I think we've gotten a bit heavy on the birth or rank route, and forgotten that each of us has character and mind that we can put to work for the greater good. We may have gotten a bit complacent, or maybe pre-occupied with other things, or maybe overly

busy with acquiring the material things that are endlessly available and aggressively marketed.

Or maybe we've drunk the Kool-aid of hierarchy, bought the line that some people are born to lead and some are born to follow. Dorothea at 19 thought she could contribute to the well-being of the world by marrying the great-thinking 50-year-old Cassaubon, 'that great bladder for dried peas to rattle in', only to find him threatened by her independent assessment of how progress might be made. (And walked away from the fortune his death brought her, for love of a man dedicated to systemic change who welcomed her partnership.)

Mr. Brooke of Tipton was dissuaded from political representation when it became an elected rather than inherited role when the common people literally egged him (as well as a few other projectiles) off the stage when he failed to convince them that he knew or cared about their well-being.

Perhaps there is much to be learned from *Middlemarch*.

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Answers on page 12

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 - 3:30 pm: Horse Pull
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 - All Day: Kids Pony Rides
 - All Day: CURLING CLUB:
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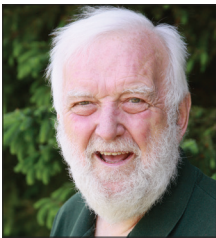
WHAT DO you get for someone who has reached the end? Flowers? Their favourite candy? A funny card?

When it is their last day, and everyone knows it, how can any token be significant enough to forestall the pain, convey the depth of appreciation, ease the inevitable.

We felt the obligation to visit the Minden Emergency on its last day ... to say goodbye and thanks to the medical staff. We felt the moment called for a visit no matter how uncomfortable and painful the experience.

While it seemed business-like in the ER as usual, there was a certain feeling in the air of foreboding. Casual chatter always seemed to tend toward the closure, overlain with gallows humour which likely hid frustration and anger. But everyone on duty knew the clock was ticking and the end of that day would mark the end of a lot of things. The Minden ER doctors, nurses and support staff were a team, bonded by shared experiences that only those standing ready to help day and night can know and understand. A touching banner created by the staff and hung in the entranceway windows spoke volumes: "Our Hearts Break. Thanks for your trust over 27 years. Love and sadness. The Minden ER Team." And although the team behind those doors felt it more acutely than anyone, all

our hearts are broken. In some respects nothing could possibly express the anger/frustration/sadness... pick an emotion ... likely all three at once and then some, that we felt as the doors slid closed behind us as we headed for the car. We said goodbye to just a few of the many health care professionals who stood duty 365/24/7 for anyone who needed their expertise. The professionals who often contended with a crowded, worried waiting room, and who provided care and reassurance when, in the middle of the night, distraught parents arrived with a feverish infant ... the hurting bodies pulled from twisted car wrecks and yes, fish hooks caught in ear lobes. They were always there with their expertise and reassuring words.



JACK BREZINA
Point of View

And even when we didn't need them, there was comfort in knowing the lights were on and they were always there, just in case.

In the end, we took some tasty treats from Molly's. The gifts were received with the appreciation and the equanimity that has been the hallmark of service at the Minden ER. A small token that hardly captured our thanks for everything they have done for our community.

So, while there is much more to say, for this moment, let it be simply: thank you, thank you, thank you!



Diane Dawson of Wintergreen has been recognized for her kindness in the community. /File photo

Time for some good news

In May, the *Times* reported on the launch of a new contest through Rhubarb Restaurant, where kindness was celebrated throughout the county. Folks were encouraged to share stories of true kindness, with the winner receiving a gift card to Rhubarb Restaurant.

Through many submissions, the winner for the month of May has been selected. Congratulations to Diane Dawson for being May's winner. Diane was nominated by Betty Perugino Mark "for being a kind and wonderful human."

In an effort to share good news with our corner of the world, the *Minden Times* will be sharing these acts of kindness. Here is what Betty had to say about Diane:

"Diane Dawson of Wintergreen is the best

friend/neighbour. She helped me through my knee replacement. Took me to Toronto for all my appointments, and stayed with me through the surgery. She took me daily to my post-op physio appointments, and came over daily to bring meals and snacks. Every evening, she was with me to encourage me and help with my physio exercises. I could not have recovered as well as I did without Diane's help and encouragement. She still continues to drop by or call asking if I'm okay and if I need any assistance. She is an absolute angel!"

Congratulations to Diane. If you are interested in submitting your story for an award of kindness, visit the Rhubarb Restaurant on Facebook.

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Putting their hearts into the arts

Archie Stouffer Elementary School held their Art Gala on May 25. The Festival began with the art exhibits opening first, where families could check out the beautiful art, get some food, and buy starter plants grown by Grade 1 students, with all proceeds going towards the Grade 7/8 class trip. Then at 6:15, the concert began. It featured 12 performances including piano, singing, dance and poetry solos as well as larger ensembles. One highlight was 42 ukuleles playing together. Students in grades 3-6 began learning ukulele with teacher Meghan Mardus after March Break, "and they have made amazing progress!" she said. Donations were received at the door to go toward arts resources at school. "The whole evening was such a feel-good event that left a smile on everyone's face," said Mardus. /Photos submitted



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Volunteering

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Engage in your Community
Volunteerism is the backbone of the Haliburton Highlands and numerous organizations rely on volunteers to provide services and events throughout the county. Engage in your community by sharing your time, energy, skills and passion.

Explore Opportunities
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Dance all day

Skyline Dance Studio hosted their first recital over the weekend, with shows from Friday June 2 until Sunday June 4. The show had nearly 100 dancers participate from across the county. Pictured above, competitive tap dancers take the stage for their rendition of the song 5,6,7,8. /TIM YANO special to the Times

Between routines, some dance dads took to the stage to strut their stuff. Pictured, Zach Joanu of Minden busts a move to see if he has what it takes to win the prize.



Competitive Level Four Ballet dancers perform *An Isolated Moment* on June 3.



Competitive acro dancers perform *Out of My League* during the recital.




HALIBURTON COUNTY AT MINDEN FAIRGROUNDS

FAIR Saturday June 10th 2023

AUCTION at 3PM
prior to the Haliburton County Fair Horse Pull

The following items have been generously donated
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- A load of logs donated by Roger Danilko Trucking & Logging
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- 63x63 Lap Quilt donated by Marylou Clark
- Tri Axle load granular gravel donated by Leveque Bros.
- Tri Axle of 5/8 minus road crush delivered in Haliburton County donated by Total Site Services



27th Annual Meeting of Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation
Thursday, June 22, 2023
2:00 p.m.

Meeting Agenda - Business of the Corporation:
Reports of the CEO and Board, Chief of Staff, Auditor, Foundation, Nominating Committee, Election of Directors, and Appointment of Auditors

The 27th Annual Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held as a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom application. In order to participate, Corporation members and members of the public who wish to attend will require an invitation, which will provide further information on how to participate. Cut-off for registration is June 16, 2023.

For further information or to arrange for an invitation, please contact:

Mrs. Michel Henry
HHHS Administration Office
Phone: 705-457-2527
Email: mhenry@hhhs.ca

159th Haliburton County fair is back

by JERELYN CRADEN
Special to the Times

Just thinking about the 159th Haliburton County Fair (HCF) in Minden on Saturday, June 10, can transport you back in time. A time when life was simpler. When kids' pony rides, agricultural displays, a horse pull, a petting zoo, demonstrations you had never seen before, and adjudicated contests with categories for kids as well as adults offered you a chance to take home a first, second, and third place prize. This year, on June 10, there will be no need for nostalgia – it will all be happening in real time. Plus, you will have even more to see, do, and enjoy.

With ten directors, a dozen associate directors, and 50 volunteers, Mary-Lou Clark, HCF Chair is excited. "We're expecting about 1,600 visitors this year," she said. "I can hardly wait to see the kids' exhibits and everything that's on display in the two exhibit buildings. Plus, we have a lot of new exciting attractions."

Sponsored by the Minden Agricultural Society, the HCF's opening ceremony will begin with the sound of bagpipes heralding its 159th year, followed by greetings from dignitaries and the Fair Board Executive.

Live music kicks off on the main stage at 11 a.m. and continues until 2:20 p.m. This year's Country and Western music lineup includes: Country Hot Flashes, Louie Reynolds, Barnard & Brohm, The Todd Nolan Show.

Then, it's Open Mic on the main stage

starting at 3:30 p.m. A chance to get your feet wet. Sing or play that new song. Be a part of it.

For a main HCF highlight, it's the Leroy Nesbitt Memorial Horse Pull that takes place at 3:30 p.m.

All day, you can enjoy the Classic & Antique Car Show, Kids' pony rides (free), petting zoo featuring reptiles and hedgehogs will be making their debut. Plus, exhibits and demonstrations will be on-going at the Minden Curling Club and additional exhibit building.

Minden Curling Club

Located on the HCF property, the Minden Curling Club will be filled with exhibits, a tea room, baked goods, demonstrations including sewing, rug hooking, journal making, woodworking, glass blowing and more. The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild, Horticultural Society, Abbey Retreat and A Warm Hug from the Highlands with Shelley VanNood, will be there sharing information and some give-aways at their booths.

Exhibits in additional building

"Clark and Cathy Fisher will check in exhibitors on Friday from noon to 6 p.m.," Clark said. "There are different exhibit categories which are voted on, starting at 6 p.m. on Friday. First, second, and third place winners receive ribbons, plus \$5 for first place, \$4 for second, \$3 for third, and \$10 for specialty exhibit entries." Saturday morning, visitors can enjoy seeing the winning entries for all of the various kids' and

adult categories.

Adult categories include –

Fiber art – a woven hot pad or scarf, or afghan, throw, macrame.

Quilting includes – a baby quilt, machined quilt, hand-quilted quilt, rug, wall-hanging, table runner, tote bag, and anything else that is quilted.

Home Crafts include – a loaf of bread, tea biscuits, decorated cupcakes, lemon or banana loaf, muffins, maple syrup, honey, strawberry jam, salsa, chutney, pickles and more.

Needle Crafts – knitted socks, child's mittens, stuffed animals, pillow cases.

Flowers and Plants – violets, tulips, aloe vera.

New this year – Fairy Garden must be made of succulent cactus.

Specialty entries this year – "An old leather item, decorated, it could be anything," Clark said. "Like an old leather belt or a hat, a wallet...anything decorated."

Kids' categories include:

Home Crafts – Rice crispies squares, brownies, muffins, cupcakes, cookies, personal-size pizza, a healthy lunch in a container, and more.

Junior Art Crafts – Legos, decorative flower pots, something made from a found object, a painted farm animal, homemade jewelry can be with pipe cleaners, beads, string, etc. Coloured page from a colouring book. Homemade book mark, a special card, or farm scene made from Playdough.

Photography – wildlife, domestic animals, sporting event, summer/winter fun.

A book of all exhibit categories will be available to the public at Minden and Haliburton libraries and various other locations, and on the Haliburton County Fair Facebook page.

Food & beverage

New this year: Boshkung Brewery. Plus, the always popular, Kawartha Dairy, beef on a bun, hot dogs and sausages will be served.

Even more at the fair

New this year: REMAX air balloon rides. Turtle Guardians will bring turtles. MNR will be there with Smokey the Bear. Plus, the OPP, Minden Fire Department, and EMS. The Farmers Association will bring baby animals (lambs, chickens).

New admission pricing – Kids 0 – 5 admission is free. 6 – 12, \$5. 13 and up, \$10.

Camping at HCF – June 9 to 11 – First come first served.

Campers can check in with Eric Casper, Associate Director (past HCF President) on Friday, June 9, 8:30 a.m. – check-out Sunday, 11 a.m. Camping fee: \$25 per trailer plus HCF admission per person. 8 to 15 spots will be available.

Recommended: Bring lawn chairs, rain jacket (just in case), sunscreen, and a hat.

For more information visit www.haliburtoncounty.ca or Haliburton County Fair on Facebook.

BACKWOODSMEN LIVE!

Telling the stories and singing the folk songs of rural Ontario

The quartet focuses on folk songs documented throughout rural Ontario in the 1950s by song-collector/scholar Edith Fowke.

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Saturday, June 24 at 2 pm | Admission by donation



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Water Hero spring campaign launched

For more than 13 years the Haliburton, Muskoka and Kawartha Children's Water Festivals (HMKCWF) have inspired local children to take care of waters' health through fun, hands-on activities. Mostly this has been through an annual Fall Festival for elementary school children but in more recent years the group have developed on-line resources and Water Hero programs available for young learners and teachers, year round. Through Covid they've adapted towards also offering activities at public events.

FEEL (Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning) the charity that the Children's Water Festival is the premiere program of, recently learned that a few major partners over the years, will not be able to provide funds this year. In order to host the Water Festivals planned for elementary school children in the fall, and families in the summer, the charity is launching a spring "Water Hero Donation Campaign".

Local folk who can and regional businesses are invited to join our water hero team this spring, to pool together resources for local children and waters.

Contributions to the HMK Children's Water Festival program :

- Help keep fun, outdoor water learning events available to children of the local regions; Haliburton, Muskoka and Kawartha Lakes

- Help us overcome a \$13,000 funding shortfall this spring to run planned programs

- Support hundreds more local elementary students attending our hopefully two day festival in the fall and keeping this free of charge to schools and families

- Help us share with families at public events this summer

- Support local children, their learning about life-giving water and so the health of local watersheds for future generations too

To Donate: Contributions of \$20 or more send another local student to our Fall Children's Water Festival and can receive a charitable receipt. \$450 will send a local class.

Creative Sponsorship packages including different recognitions in our communities can be arranged with local business water heroes contributing \$100 or more.

Pledges for funds to be sent later in the year are also greatly appreciated until June 21.

Donations can be sent via e-transfer by arrangement, by Credit Card or Papal on our CanadaHelps account online or mailed to; HMK Children's Water Festival (FEEL), P.O. Box 1292, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0.

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U-Links Centre for Community Based Research

U-Links, a leading organization facilitating community-based research collaborations, is inviting community groups in Haliburton County to submit their research project proposals for the upcoming academic year. This call aims to foster partnerships between community organizations and student researchers from Trent University and Fleming College to address important issues impacting the social, cultural, environmental, and economic aspects of the county.

Since 1999, U-Links has been instrumental in connecting community organizations with talented student researchers, resulting in numerous successful research projects. By participating in this initiative, organizations gain access to valuable research insights that can inform decision-making processes, increase capacity and contribute to the betterment of Haliburton County.

No research background? No problem! U-Links staff are here to guide you through the process. All you need is an idea or identified problem within Haliburton County, and our team will assist you in developing a comprehensive project proposal and identifying the appropriate research questions. Whether your project relates to community development, health sciences, forensics, environmental sciences, or any other field, our dedicated professionals will provide the necessary support.

To give you an idea of the diverse projects we facilitate, here are a few examples of ongoing community-based research projects:

#5510 – Assessing Haliburton for Agriculture and Vendor Needs

#5111 – Evaluation Assessment for Abbey Retreat Centre Programs

#6018 – Evaluation of Haliburton County Lake Associations on Water Quality Testing Data & Protocols.

In addition to research projects, U-Links also offers opportunities for community-service learning (CSL). This unique form of experiential education allows students and community members to collaborate on specific activities or events with tangible outcomes.

One such example is the annual Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival, where Environmental Science students from Trent University and community members work together to organize and facilitate educational activity stations.

The deadline for submitting project ideas or topics is July 14th. We encourage all interested community members and organizations to reach out to U-Links by this date to discuss their project proposals. Join U-Links in making a difference in Haliburton County through community-based research.

Together, we can create positive change and contribute to the sustainable growth of our community.

For more information and to see examples of our previous and available research projects please visit www.ulinks.ca or contact our Program Coordinator, Frank Figuli at coordinator@ulinks.ca or phone our office at 705-286-2411.

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Bateman Family: A Sense of Place

July 6 – September 2, 2023

The Batemans cherish the memories of their summer holidays spent at the family cottages in Haliburton County. Their experiences over several decades are captured in this personal family exhibit featuring paintings by Alan, Brad, Jack, Robert & Ross and photographs by Birgit Freybe Bateman.



*Rocky Point
Robert Bateman, 1987*

Opening reception Saturday, July 8, 1 - 4 pm

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When: Monday mornings 9:30 to 110 a.m.

Where: Haliburton Legion Branch 129, upper level

Admission: Yearly membership of \$59

A non-profit/commercial network of weight-loss support groups, offers programs for healthy living and weight management.

Readings at Rails End

When: Saturdays 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., until to June 17

Where: Rails End Gallery, 23 York Street Haliburton

Local readers read from passages from their favourite Author. Readings are held in conjunction with "Rewilding: Michelle Karch Ackerman and Tanya Zaryski" and the Authors come from The Library of Dresses gallery installation. Discussion follows each reading. May 20 Amy Brohm reads Mary's Shelley's Frankenstein, May 27 Marguerite Easby reads Jane Austen's Sense and Sensibility June 10 Scott Duggan reads Emily Bronte June 17 Laurie Jones reads Beverly Cleary's Ramona the Pest. All welcome

Board Games Cafe

When: June 8 and 22, 7 to 9 p.m.

Where: Sirch Bistro and Bakery

Do you love board games? Then join us every other Thursday to get social and play with new friends and old! Bring your favourite games or play one of ours! Snacks and beverages available by donation!

Live Music: Featuring Tracy and Walt Borg

When: June 10, 12 to 2 p.m.

Where: Sirch Bistro and Bakery

Free live music in the Bistro. Tracy and Walt Borg will entertain us with their array of songs and stories! Soup and baked goods available for purchase.

Baha'i Community event

When: June 12 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Where: Coffeehouse at Castle Antiques in Haliburton.

What: Join the Baha'i community of Haliburton County for a musical presentation and facilitated discussion on the topic of 'the betterment of the world can be accomplished through pure and goodly deeds'. Light refreshments available. Free admission.

Native Plant Gardening Presentation

When: June 14, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Where: Sirch Bistro and Bakery

Master gardener Shelley Fellows will take us on a journey through the wondrous world of native plants and explain how to garden to support pollinators. She will also tell us about the "Butterflyway" program from the David Suzuki Foundation and how to be involved! Buzzzz on!

VOICE Peer Support Group

When: June 15 and 29, 7-9 pm

Where: Sirch Bistro and Bakery

VOICE is a gathering of people working on a better life for ourselves. We meet to share with each other and, in the future, to help improve community services.

Father's Day Craft

When: June 17, 11 a.m. to noon

Where: Sirch Bistro and Bakery

Let's show Dad we care by making him something super neat! Please RSVP by June 15 for this by-donation kids craft by calling 705-457-1742 or emailing info@sirch.on.ca.

Repair Cafe

When: June 17, 10 am - 2 pm

Where: Haliburton Legion

Do you want to surprise dad this Father's Day by getting his favourite item fixed? You're in luck, SIRCH's Repair Café is back and this time it's at the Haliburton Legion (719 Mountain St) from 10-2. The full list of repairable items can be found at sirch.on.ca/repaircafe.

Art in the Garden Show & Sale Father's Day

When: June 17/18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

 Where: Glass Eagle Studios,
 2801 Blairhampton Rd, Minden

What: Art, Live Music & Food

Contact: Tom Green at 705-286-3628

Haliburton Land Trust Annual General Meeting

When: Monday June 19 at 7 p.m.

How: via Zoom

What: Haliburton Highland Land Trust welcomes all to join us for our AGM, members in good standing have voting privileges. In order to receive the ZOOM link you must register in advance at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca. Contact for details and updates: pre-registration required at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca, 705-457-3700

Minden Legion Branch 636**Lunch - Monday to Friday**
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week. Bid Euchre 1 to 3 p.m.

Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.

Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.

Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.

Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.

Every other Friday Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday All Day Breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with three Meat draws at 11 a.m. Call ahead any day for take-out: 705-286-4541

Schedules are subject to change without notice. Check our Facebook page Minden Legion Branch 636 for more info.

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**Notice of a Public Meeting
 Concerning Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendments
 Township of Minden Hills**

Take Notice that pursuant to Sections 16 and 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Meeting for both Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments, which has application to all those lands located within the Township of Minden Hills. As the amendments apply to the Township in its entirety, no key map has been provided.

Purpose and Effect: The proposed official plan and zoning by-law amendments if approved will serve to introduce policies and provisions with respect to permitting additional dwelling units within certain land use designations and zone categories, subject to meeting criteria as provided by the Planning Act. Official Plan policies are proposed to be further amended to clarify shoreline setbacks for existing developed lots within the Waterfront designation, introduce amendments which may be required to be consistent with provincial legislation as well as to amend consent policies to align with the County of Haliburton Official Plan. A further amendment to the Zoning By-law is also proposed to revise various definitions, intended to provide clarity for implementation of the Zoning By-law, as well as to introduce new provisions for deck setbacks, together with amendments to existing provisions for sleeping cabin, home occupation and non-complying buildings and structures; as well as minor revisions for spelling or typographic errors.

And Take Notice that the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting, as required under the Planning Act. The Public Meeting is an opportunity for Council to hear and consider comments related to the proposed amendments. Any member of the public may speak in favour, or opposition to, the proposed amendments during the Public Meeting.

Date and Location of Public Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 29, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: This will be a hybrid meeting. Members of the public may attend either in person or virtually via Zoom. Details are provided below.

To Attend in Person:

Location: Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting in person can do so by attending the Township Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden.

To Participate: Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the public meeting must pre-register by emailing admin@mindenhills.ca by Wednesday June 28th before 4:00 PM or by registering the morning of the meeting before 8:30 AM in the Council Chambers.

To Attend Virtually:

To Watch: Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting can do so by joining the Meeting Live Stream Link: <https://youtube.com/live/0MhGmQcxFJw?feature=share>
 The live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

To Participate: Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the public meeting must pre-register by emailing admin@mindenhills.ca by Wednesday June 28th before 4:00 PM or by attending virtually and registering the morning of the meeting before 8:30 AM. Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the meeting as permitted by the Chair.

To attend the Zoom virtual meeting via Web, type <https://zoom.us/join> or <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88915036192?pwd=L0VGUmQwbHZ5R1o5Titk013RytaUT09> into your browser or attend by dialing the number below:
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Participants registering either virtually or in person after 8:30 AM will not be permitted into the public meeting.

Please Note: We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting the Township website at: <https://www.mindenhills.ca/council/>.

Written Submissions either in support of or opposition to the application must be received prior to the Public Meeting and can be submitted to admin@mindenhills.ca

Any Person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments.

Additional Information regarding the proposed Amendments is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street by appointment and will be available online by visiting www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at admin@mindenhills.ca or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext. 506).

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted or the by-law with respect to the zoning by-law amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted or the by-law with respect to the zoning by-law amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

If You Wish to Be Notified of the decision of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed official plan and zoning by-law amendments, you must submit a written request to the Township of Minden Hills at admin@mindenhills.ca.

Accessibility: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

Privacy Disclosure: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

Dated this 7th day of June, 2023
 Trisha McKibbin, Clerk/CAO
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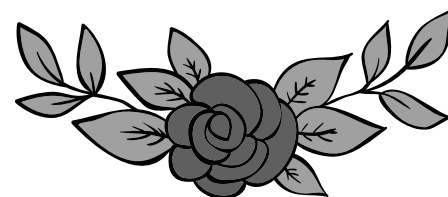


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Beloved wife of Gord, loving mother of Kara (Joe) and Amanda. Dear grandma to Evan and Leo. Dear sister of Joyce Leonard and sister-in-law to Marion (Jim) and Lee (Malcolm-deceased). Fondly remembered by Genevieve (Steve), Jonathan, Caitlan (Jason), Shawn and by her family and friends. Dee worked at Manulife Financial and retired as AVP, she and Gord then moved to the Highlands in 2005 where she enjoyed volunteering and her many hobbies including Bridge, Quilting, Curling, Golf and Travelling.

A private family graveside service will be held at St. Stephen's Cemetery, Boshkung. A Celebration of Dee's Life will be held at the Minden Curling Club, 50 Prentice St., Minden on Sunday, June 11, 2023 from 1:30 pm until 4:30 pm. There will be a Toast to Dee between 2:30 - 3:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Minden Food Bank would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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Minden budget passes million dollar mark

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Actually the municipality has been collecting more than a million dollars in taxes for a number of years, but portions of that amount have been turned over to the board of education and the county to meet their levies.

This year is no exception, as the county and education system will claim nearly 40% of the municipality's total levy of \$1,920,342. Some \$756,000 will be set aside for education while the county claims \$131,224.

The municipal budget figure represents an increase of close to \$63,000 over the

municipality while at the same time reduce the need for the township to borrow large amounts.

Other major increases include a \$19,900 leap in Health Services spending, \$10,856 of which will go towards salaries for ambulance personnel. All expenditures in Health Services however, receive 100 per cent subsidy from the Ministry of Health.

Social and Family services are also slated for a major increase in spending. An additional \$10,227 will be spent this year, with welfare accounting for a \$9,598 increase.

The municipality will spend \$26,674 more on recreational and cultural services in 1982. \$8,572 will go towards the cost of paving the parking lot and walkways at the Library/Cultural Centre and funds for parks development are also up \$3,000 over last year's budget for a total of \$7,000. Grants to various organizations are also up \$3,000.

1982 budget....

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amount spent in 1981. Mill rates throughout the municipality will increase an average of 9.2% to cover the tax boost. (Tax rates vary from area to area within the townships. A chart on page three outlines the mill rates for the year.)

The biggest single increase in this year's municipal budget is in the general government department which increases from \$180,000 spent last year to \$322,000 proposed for 1982. A large portion of that increase is contained in the \$108,000 which has been set aside as provision for working capital. These funds will be used to offset capital expenditures made before the second installment of taxes are paid.

Members of the newly formed finance committee are hopeful the increased provision will boost bank interest income for the

In response to a recommendation in the recent CAUSE study conducted in Minden, council has budgeted \$10,000 towards a newly created Planning and Zoning Reserve Fund. Planning and zoning costs meanwhile have been increased to \$10,000 from the 1981 budget total of \$4,000. According to councillor Ed Pergolas who along with Lyle McKnight makes up the municipal finance committee the \$10,000 could be used by the municipality towards the cost of an Official Plan for the municipality, or towards specific improvement projects.

Pergolas also said, following the release of the budget, that the new finance committee has made a significant reduction in the work load necessary in preparing the budget. According to Pergolas, he and

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The old Minden library took a spin through town Friday on its way to a new home at the Library and Cultural Centre. The building will house a new museum at the site.

HCSA forced to user pay system for 1982-1983

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, facing rising maintenance costs and a complete loss of government grants, announced last week that it will adopt a users pay system for the 1982-83 season.

Government grants to the club have dropped steadily over the past few years, to the point where all government funding has been cut off for the upcoming season. Rising fuel costs, meanwhile, have caused a steady increase in the price of maintaining trails, and association directors now feel that the new system is necessary to keep the club alive.

According to Tom Prentice, the association's president, the move overturns the group's long held policy to remain public. "We have always sworn we would stay public," Prentice said in an interview last week, "but I can't see how we can do it

financially now." Prentice also said that the club's 14 directors have discussed various means of raising funds for the club, but that directors did not have enough time to raise sufficient money through club activities.

Under the users pay system, all snowmobilers using the association's trails will be required to pay a users fee. Riders who are not club members will pay a temporary users fee. Club members will make regular patrols to ensure that all people using the trails have paid. Membership and temporary fees for this season have not yet been set by club directors.

Only 10% to pay

Association directors found last year that 90 per cent of snowmobilers using club trails were not paying membership fees. Prentice told The Times that riders using trails without a permit

this season could possibly be charged.

"It's not the local people using trails without joining the club, it's more often riders from the city," Prentice said. "They ride trails to their hearts content and leave smiling; the trails end up in awful shape as a result," he added.

Directors are hoping that the new system may actually improve funding for the association. According to Prentice, the Grey-Bruce Snowmobile Association turned down a \$13,000 government grant last year and raised \$60,000 through its own means. Prentice says the Grey-Bruce club has found the increase in revenue has allowed better trail maintenance, which in turn has brought more snowmobilers to the area.

The Haliburton Association's budget last year was \$52,000, \$22,000 of which was

provided by the provincial government for building a bridge at Gooderham. Other government grants dwindled to \$2,800 last year, from \$13,000 in 1980-81 season. That left the club with \$27,200 in maintenance costs to pick up, an amount that was raised through a draw, two dances, membership fees and strong financial support from the business community. In addition to the Gooderham bridge, the association built two bridges using its own funds. Bridges were established at Black River and Beech River this past season.

Lutterworth municipality, meanwhile has proposed to the provincial government that half of all revenue from snowmobile licence fees be returned to clubs for trail maintenance. The idea has met with support from most of the municipalities in the county, and most have sent their endorsement of Lutterworth's proposal to Queen's Park.

Prentice is hoping the new system will be a success. "We hope we're making the right move. Everyone we've talked to agrees we are. We just hope now that it will work," he said.



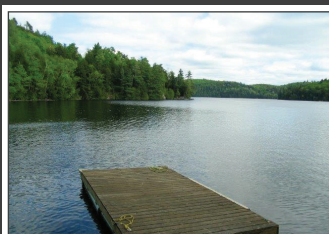
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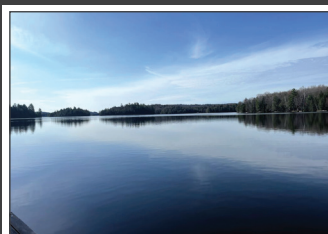
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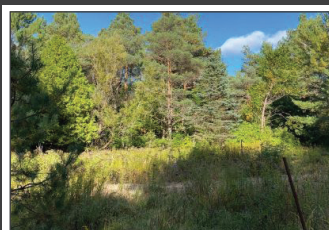
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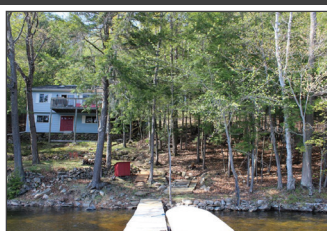
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